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MAJOR TOM BATISTA • GROUND CONTROL JANKE

WE'RE  
HERE AT  
LAST,  
B'RAD.

SURE.  
BUT HOW'LL  
WE GO ABOUT  
FINDIN'  
HER?

THAT'S  
ONE BIG  
WORLD  
DOWN  
THERE!

AND NOW  
WE WILL  
BEGIN TO DO  
MY MOTHER'S  
BIDDING.

WE WON'T  
HAVE TO  
SEARCH FOR  
MY BETROTHED,  
B'RAD.

BETROTHED,  
EH? THAT WHAT  
MOTHER CALLS  
IT, DE'CINE?

WHERE  
I COME  
FROM, WE  
CALL IT KID-  
NAPPING!

YOU ARE  
SPEAKING OF  
A SOPHISTICATED  
POLITICAL  
MATTER, B'RAD.

ONE  
OBVIOUSLY  
BEYOND YOUR  
UNDER-  
STANDING.

DISCOVERING  
MAXIMA'S  
WHEREABOUTS  
WILL PRESENT  
NO PROBLEM.

WE'LL  
SIMPLY THROW  
OUT AN  
IRRESISTIBLE  
LURE... AND  
SHE WILL COME  
TO US!

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"...WE'RE  
GONNA  
MAKE IT  
OUT OF  
HERE  
ALIVE!"

"YOU'LL SEE,  
SHEILA! STEEL  
WILL SAVE  
HER!"

BUT... HOW  
COULD SHE  
SURVIVE IN  
THERE? SHE'S  
SO LITTLE.

THAT'LL  
MAKE IT  
EASIER FOR  
STEEL TO  
CARRY HER...  
AND TO PRO-  
TECT HER.

HE  
WON'T LET  
ADDIE—

MAMA!  
HERE I  
AM!

ADDIE!  
OH GOD--  
ADDIE!

THANK  
YOU!  
THANK  
YOU!

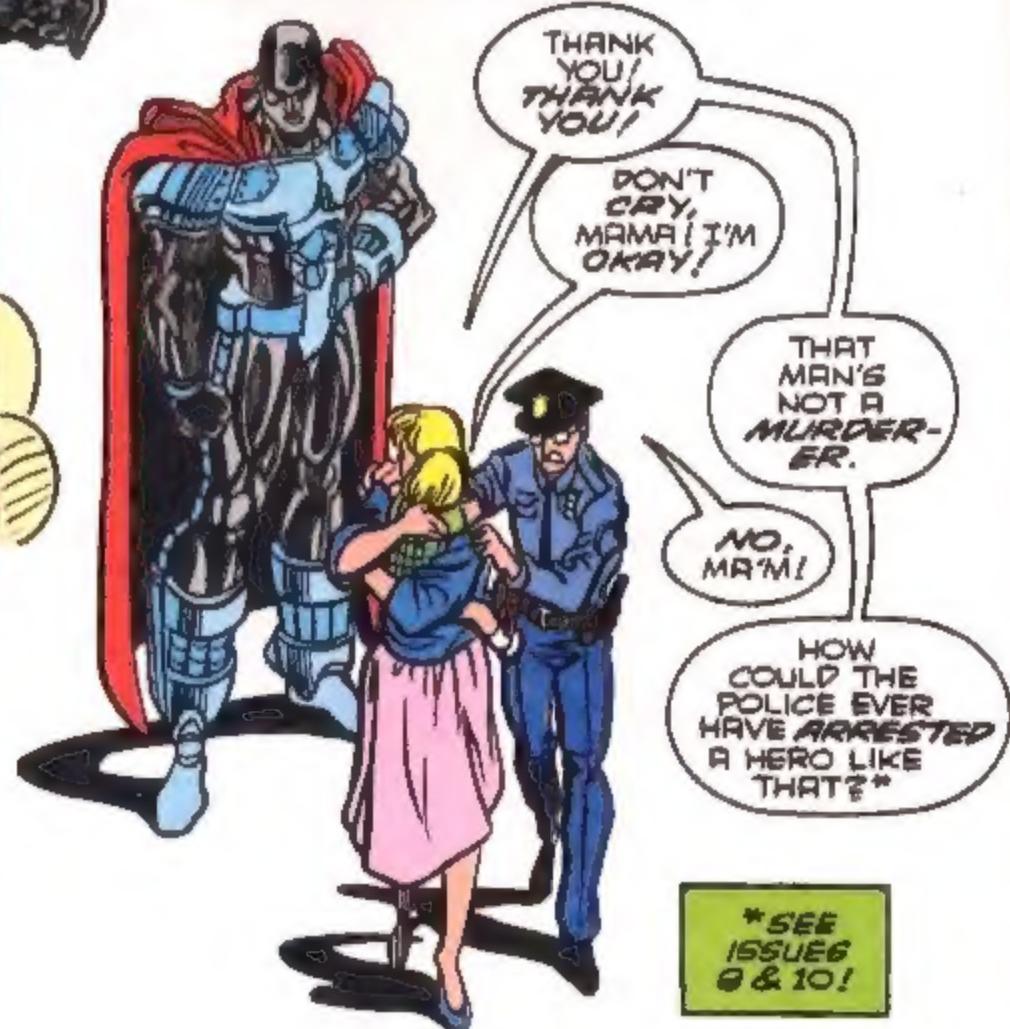
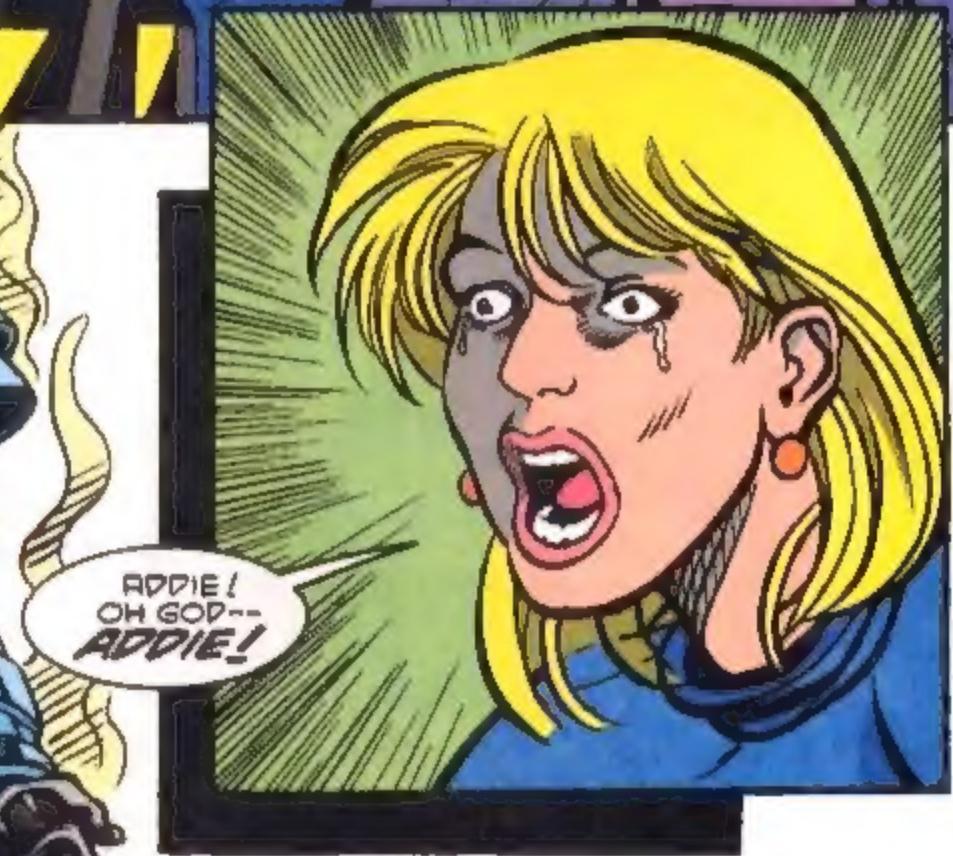
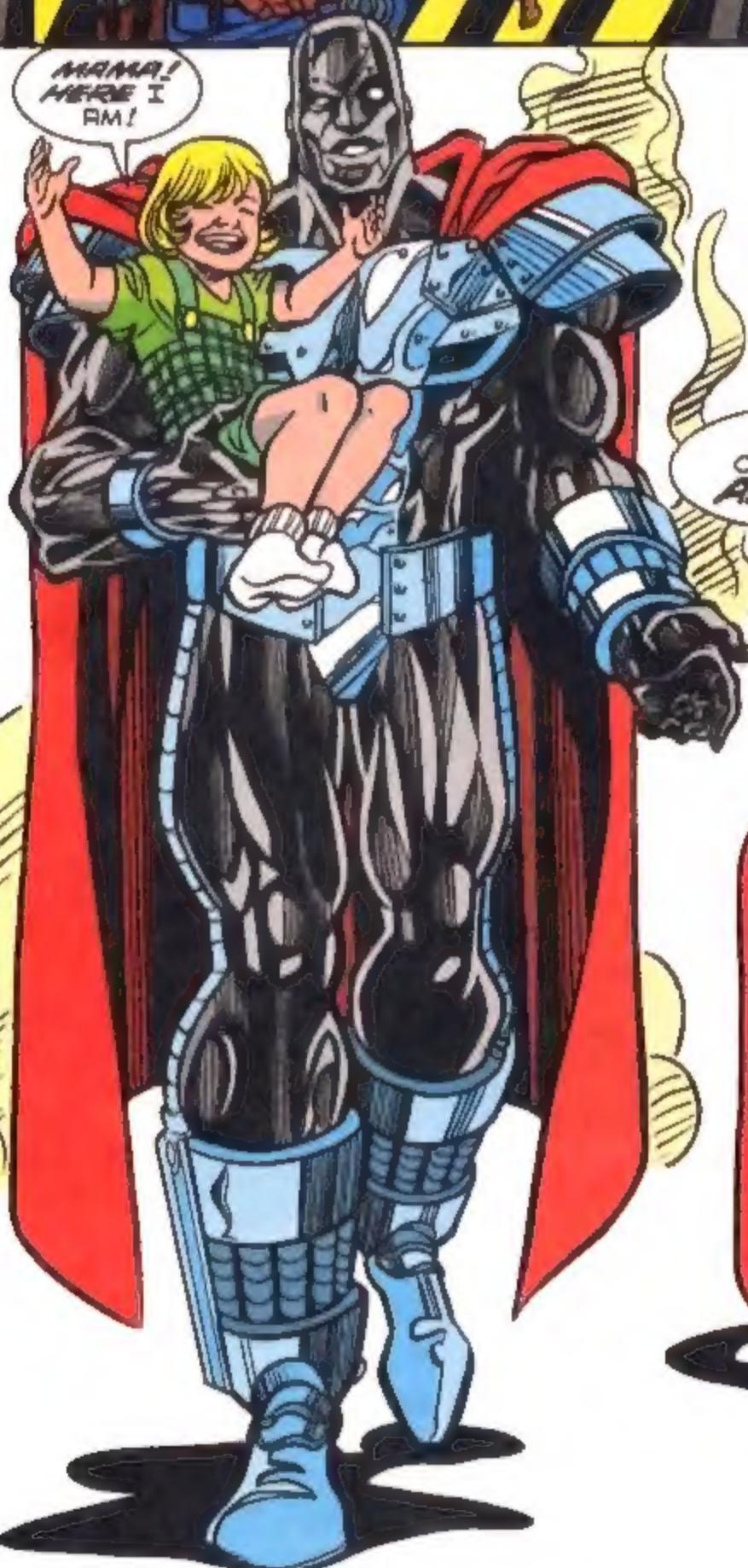
DON'T  
CRY,  
MAMA! I'M  
OKAY!

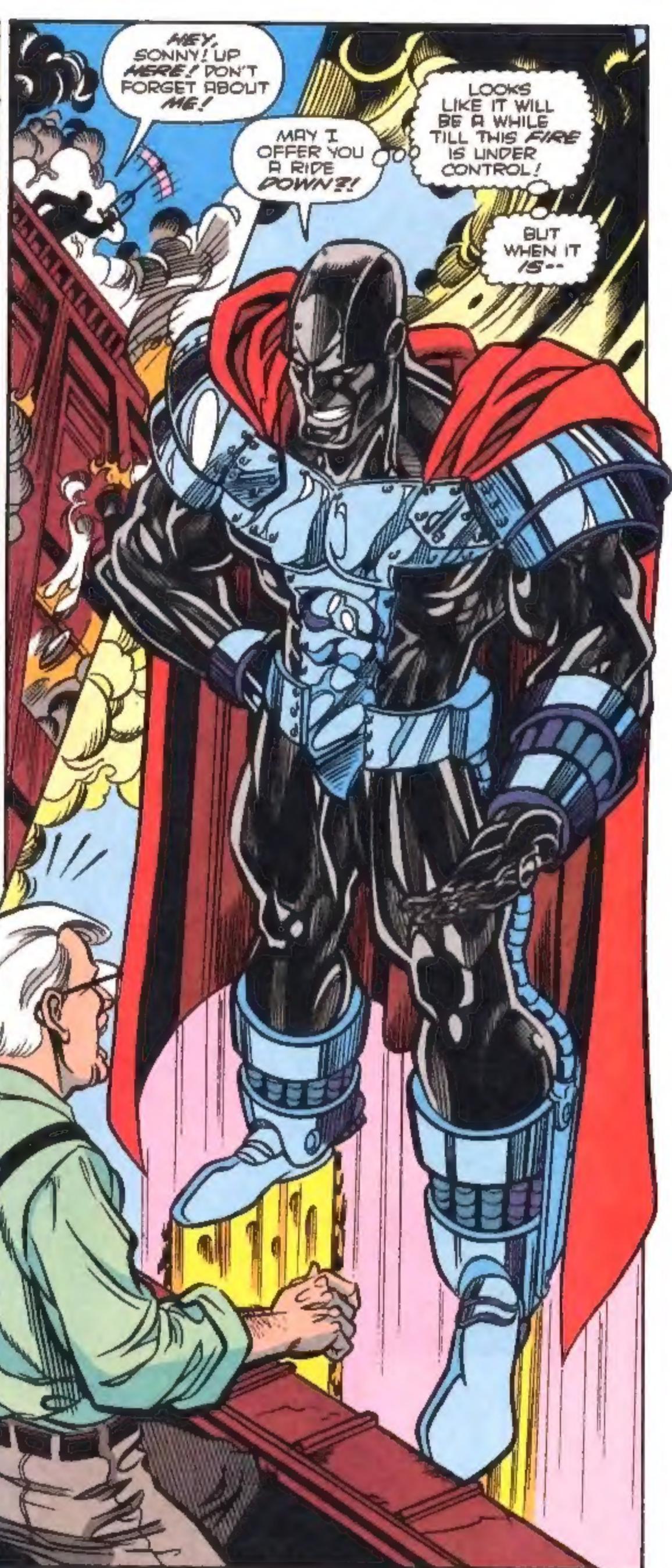
THAT  
MAN'S  
NOT A  
MURDER-  
ER.

NO,  
MR'M!

HOW  
COULD THE  
POLICE EVER  
HAVE ARRESTED  
A HERO LIKE  
THAT?"

\*SEE  
ISSUES  
8 & 10!





--I WANT TO CHECK THE COAST FOR DAMAGE IN THE AFTERMATH OF YESTERDAY'S STORM."

SHORE LOOKS OKAY. NOT EVEN MUCH EROSION. COULD BE A LOT WORSE.

EVERYTHING COULD BE WORSE. ROSIE'S DEAD...

BUT AT LEAST WE CAUGHT HER KILLER. SHAUNA AND I-- TOGETHER.

S.T.A.R. LABS HAS ALTER IN CUSTODY NOW... WON'T LET HIM GET AWAY.

THE WORLD IS SAFE--

WHAT THE--?

MY ARMOR! IT DISAPPEARED!

**SPLASH!**

"DAMN!"

SHARKS!

CAN'T GET AWAY IN TIME!

WHAT HAPPENED TO MY 98%+ ARMOR?

IT DOESN'T ADD UP!

COULD HAZARD HAVE A HAND IN THIS?

ONLY ONE THING TO DO.

FIND HIS SPY-SATELLITE AND FOLLOW ITS TRANSMISSIONS BACK TO HIM.

CHOMP!

IT'S BACK! THANK HEAVEN!

THIS HAPPENED AT HAZARD'S HQ. HE THREATENED MY LIFE...

KLANG!

...AND MY ARMOR SURROUNDED ME.

THOUGHT IT WAS A FLUKE CAUSED BY HAZARD'S INTERFERENCE.

"SUPERMAN SAID THAT IF I EVER NEEDED TECHNICAL BACKUP I SHOULD CONTACT THE JUSTICE LEAGUE."

"IF EVERYTHING I'VE HEARD IS TRUE, CAPTAIN ATOM'S GROUP IS THE ONE I NEED."

"AND THANKS TO SUPERMAN, I KNOW WHERE TO FIND THEM."

SOFTWARE CHECKS OUT, BUG! THEY'VE CRASHED. WHAT NOW?

WE SPILL THE BABBITER'S GUTS ONTO THE FLOOR AND LOOK FOR GLITCHES!

DAD-BLAINED COMPUTERS!

THEY WERE WORKING FINE WHEN I SET THEM UP!

YOU KNOW THOSE WIDGETS CONTROL OUR PERIMETER DEFENSE SYSTEM?

WELL, CALL ME A CRAZY, BUT WOULDN'T THIS BE A PEACHY-KEEN TIME FOR AN ENEMY TO LAUNCH AN ATTACK?

WHY MUST WE DO DIAGNOSTICS ON EVERYTHING?

JUST BECAUSE THE PDC'S ARE DOWN DOES NOT MEAN THE ASTRAL COMPUTERS ARE MALFUNCTIONING.

BITE YOUR TONGUE, BOOSTER!

YOU WOULD NOT.

WHAT'S THIS?

WHAT'S WHAT?

A BLIP... IT'S GONE NOW! BUT SOMETHING ABOUT IT SEEMED... FAMILAR.

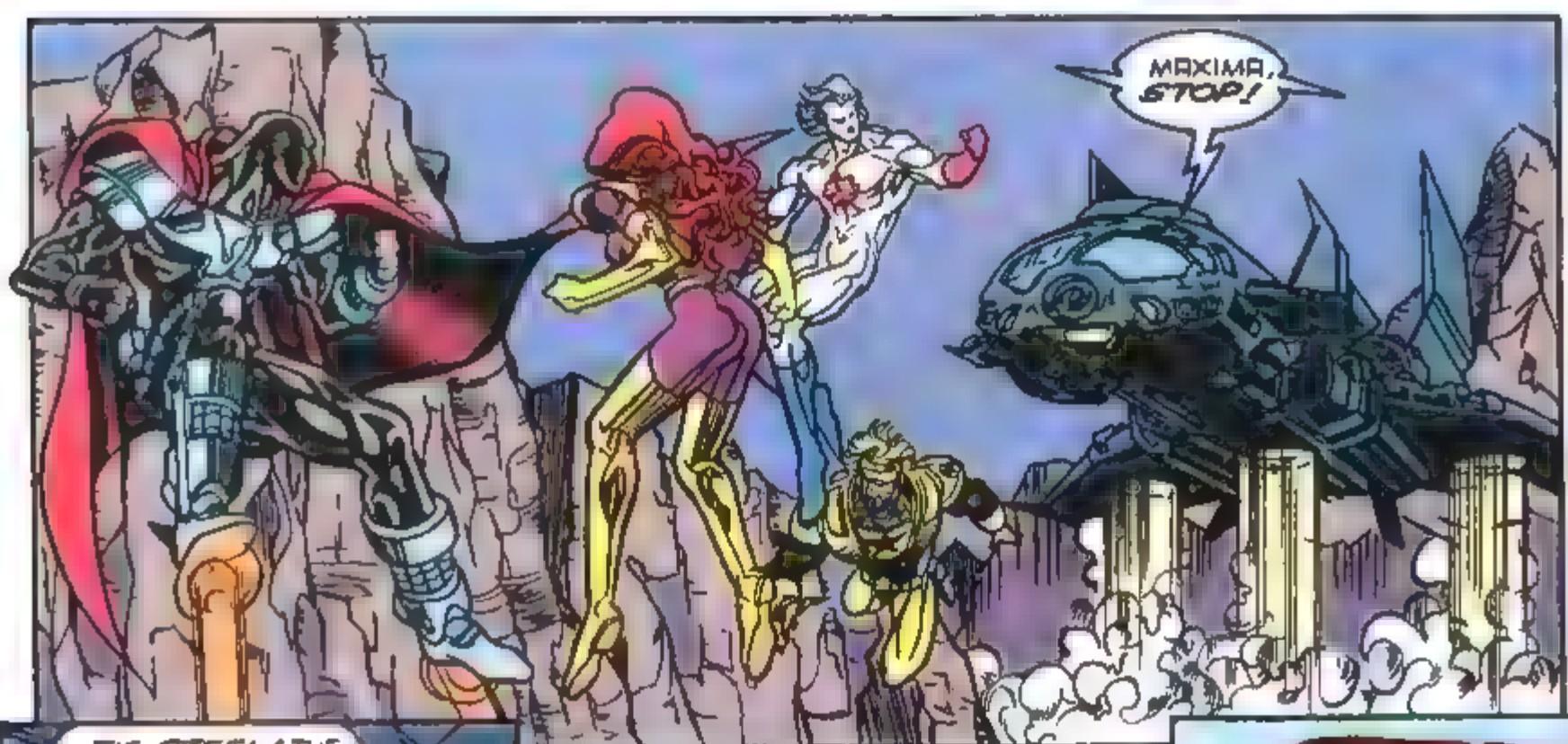
THEY SHARE THE SAME DESIGN, MAXIMA, AND THIS SUPERHERO STUFF IS NEW TO ME, SO I DON'T WANT TO TAKE ANY CHANCES.

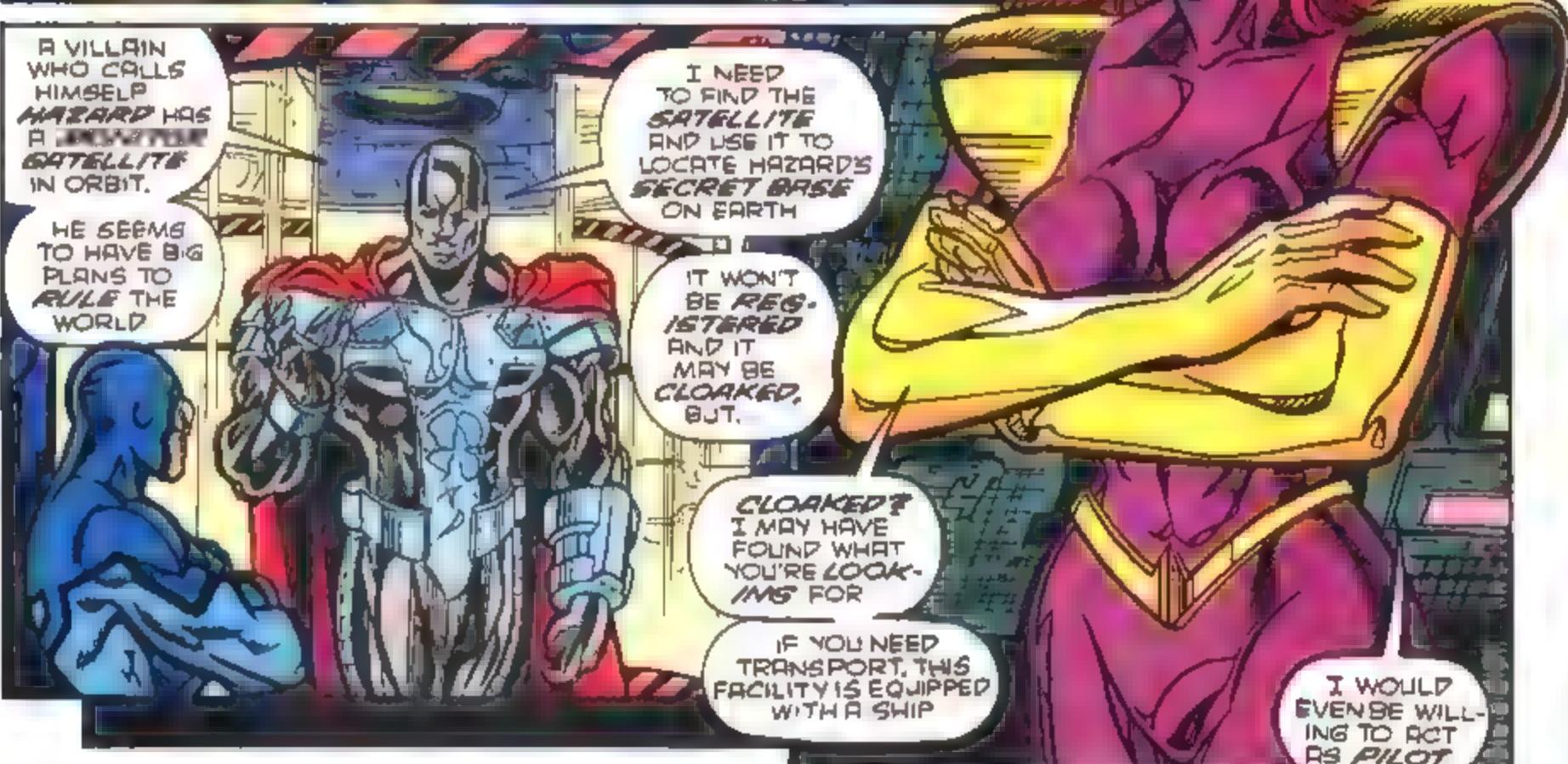
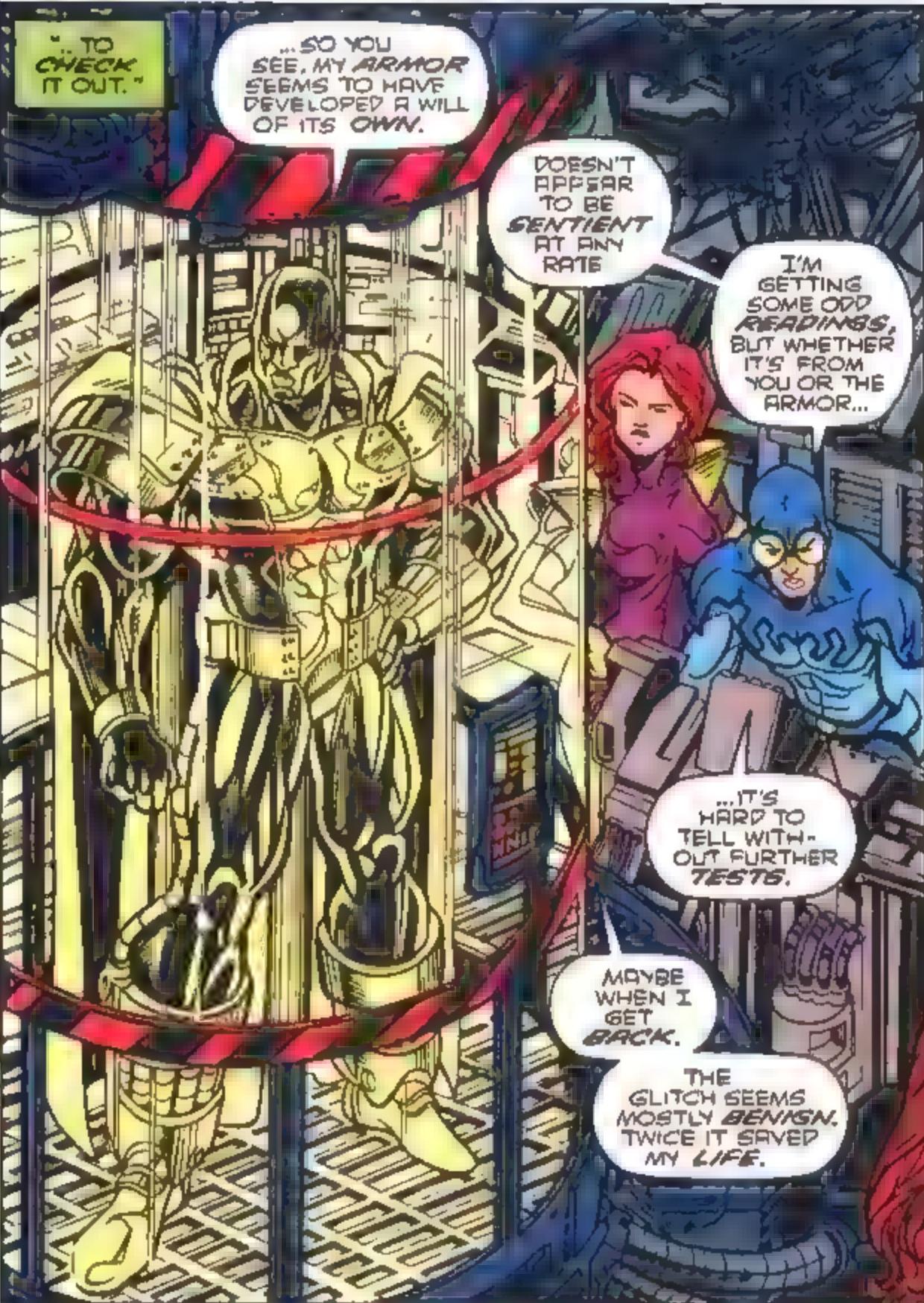
THE COMPUTERS DIDN'T RECOGNIZE ITS SILHOUETTE AS A SHIP.

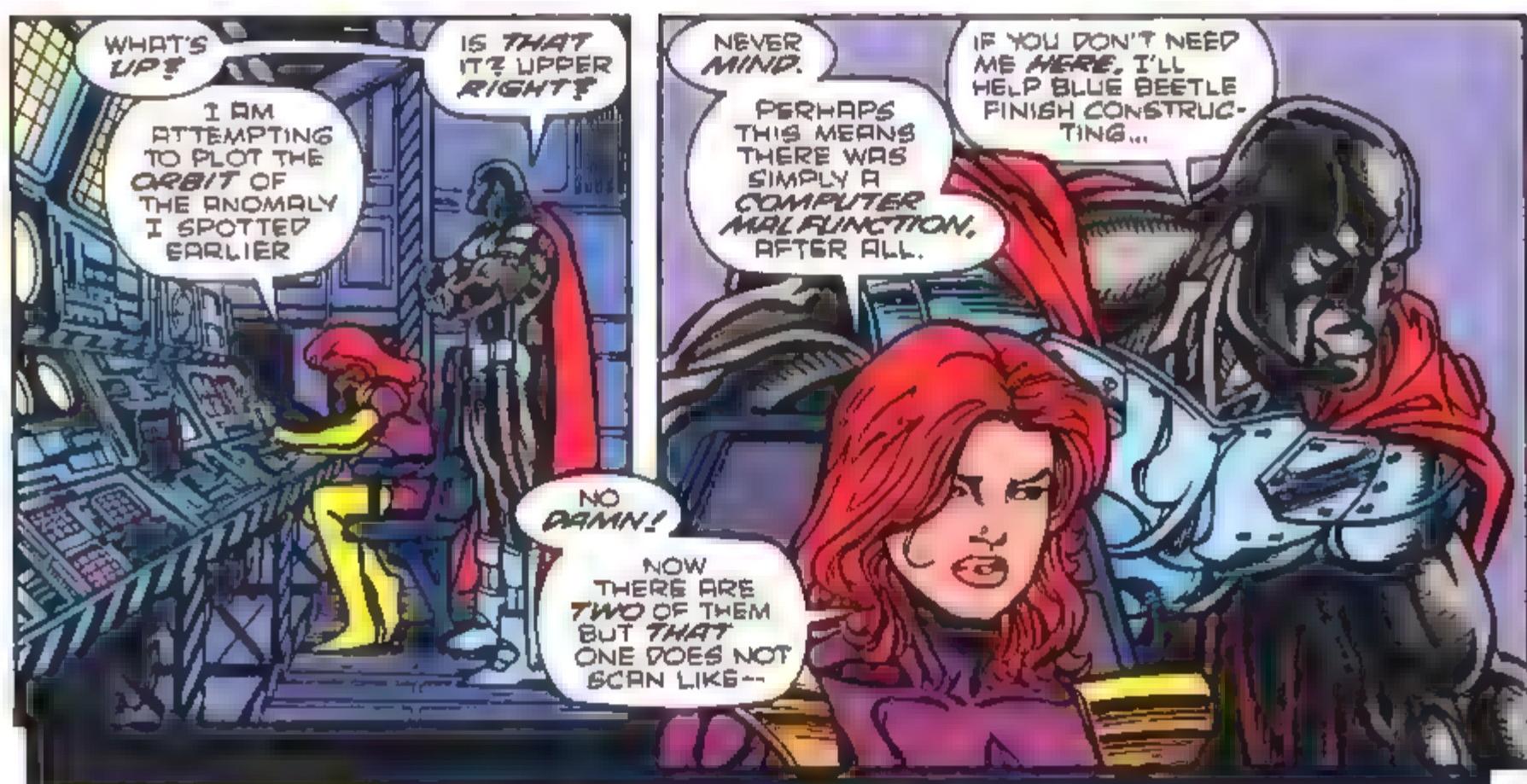
IF THERE WAS ACTUALLY ANYTHING THERE, IT COULD BE A MALFUNCTION.











BUT THIS ONE SEEMED TO HAVE THE ENERGY PROFILE OF A KRENON SHIP

WELL, I NEED TO FIND HAZARD'S SATELLITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE--

AND I NEED TO ASSURE MYSELF THAT THE KRENONS ARE NOT IN ORBIT AROUND THE EARTH

SO I DON'T SUPPOSE OUR COURSE IS OPEN TO DISCUSSION?

DISCUSSION WOULD BE FOOLISH.

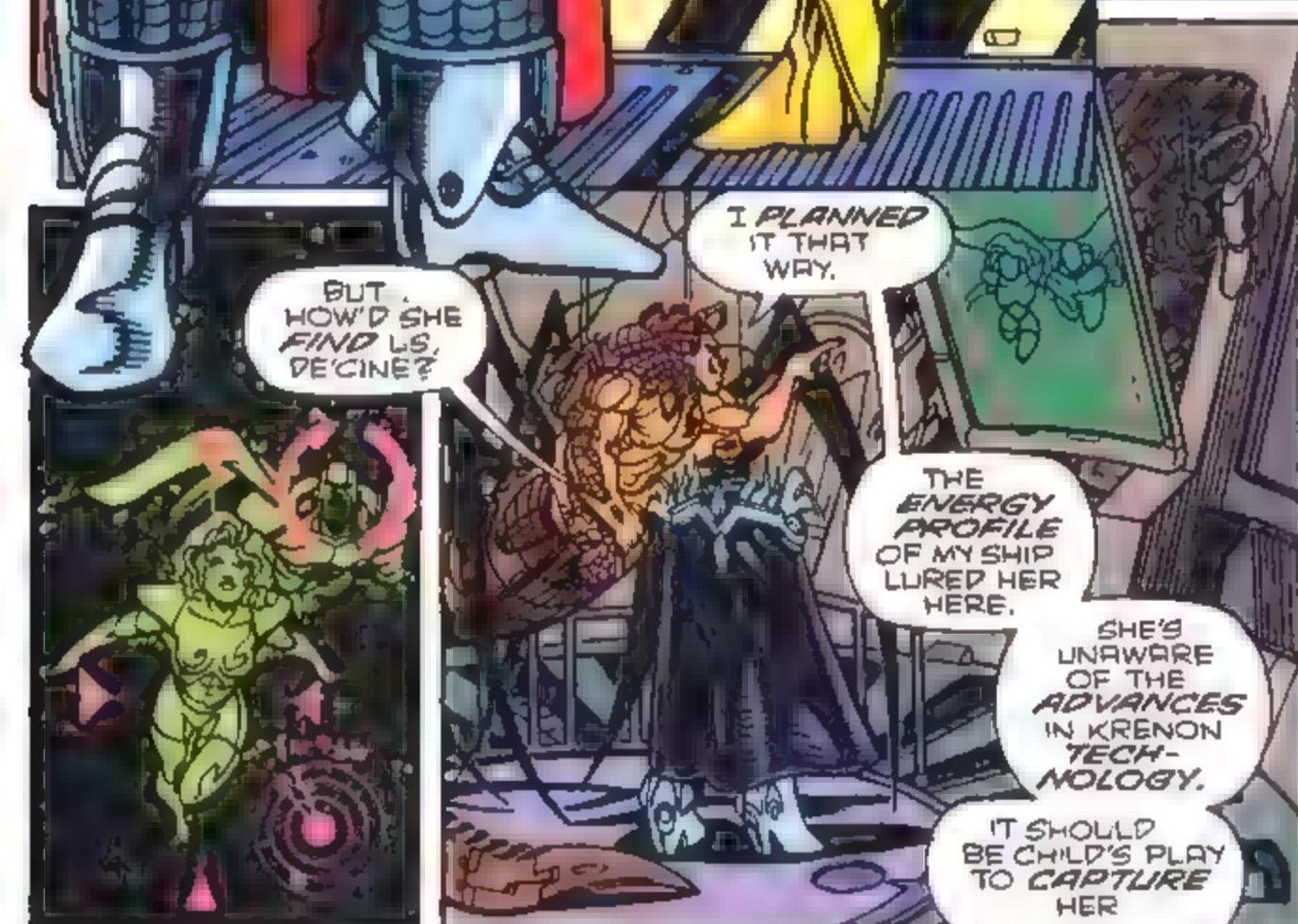
NOTHING YOUR HAZARD COULD DO WOULD COMPARE TO THE DESTRUCTION A KRENON BATTLE CRUISER COULD WREAK ON EARTH

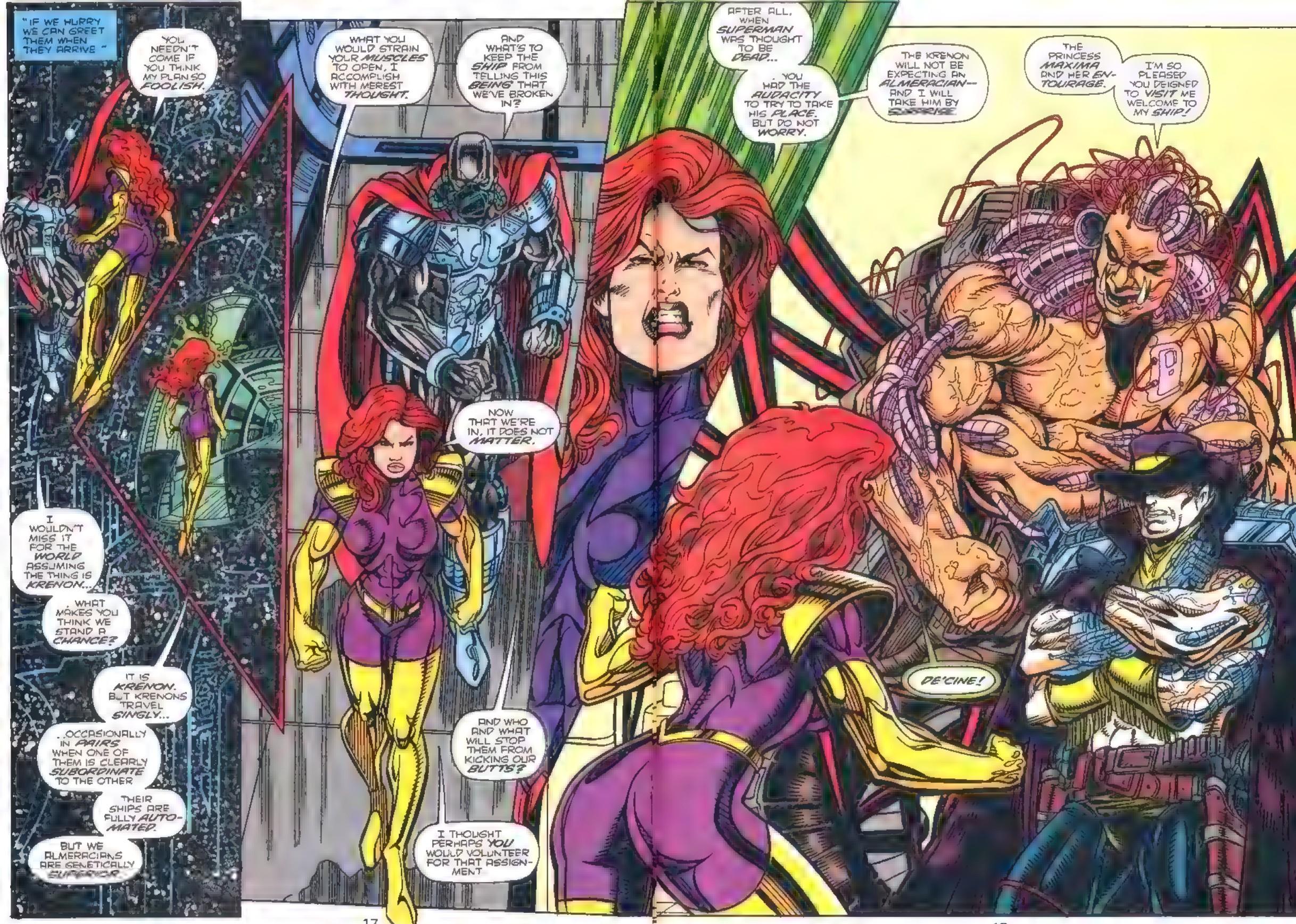
REALLY? WELL THERE'S YOUR ANOMALY, MAXIMA.

CLOKKED IN SPACE!

GOOD WE WILL PUT THIS CRAFT INTO ORBIT, DROP ONTO THEIR HULL...

AND ENTER THROUGH AN AIRLOCK.







THAT WOULD'A  
KILLED ANY-  
BODY BUT AN  
ALMERCIAN.  
SHE'LL BE  
FINE.

GO GET  
BACK,  
STEEL!

I SAID--  
GET BACK!

DE'CINE'S  
TAKING  
MAXIMA!  
GOT TO  
STOP HIM!

AND THAT  
MEANS TAKING  
OUT HIS  
"PARDNAH" FIRST!

YOW!  
FANCY  
SHOOTIN'  
FOR A  
TENDER-  
FOOT!

CANNOT  
BELIEVE... I  
FELL FOR  
IT! MUST BE  
... LOSING MY  
EDGE!

THOUGH  
I AM NOT  
QUIET AS  
UNCON-  
SCIOUS...

DE'CINE!

DE'CINE  
SET...  
TRAP!

"...AS DECINE  
BELIEVES.  
SOON I WILL  
BE STRONG  
ENOUGH..."

"...TO BRING  
THE CEILING  
CRASHING ON  
HIS HEAD."

WHOOSH!

KER WHAM!

THE  
INHIBITOR  
BEAM, B'ARD!  
SWITCH ON THE  
INHIBITOR  
BEAM!

WHAT--BIZ?

BEEP  
BEEP  
BEEP

DE'CINE--  
WHAT IS  
THIS...  
**TRICK?**

YOU ARE  
CAUGHT IN  
AN INHIBITOR  
**BEAM.**

YET ANOTHER  
OF THE KRENON  
**TECHNOLOGICAL  
ADVANCES**  
I MENTIONED  
EARLIER.

IT  
BLOCKS  
YOUR ABILITY  
TO USE YOUR  
**TELEKINETIC  
POWERS,**  
MAXIMA.

AND ANY  
POWERS  
**STEEL**  
MIGHT  
HAVE AS  
WELL.

SO  
THIS IS  
**MAXIMA.**

SHE'S MORE  
**MAGNIFICENT**  
THAN HER  
HOLO-PRO-  
JECTION!

WHAT'LL WE DO  
WITH THIS  
HERE  
**"STEEL"**?

ENERGY  
READINGS  
SUGGEST  
THAT HE  
MIGHT BE A  
**CYBORG...**

...AND MY  
**MOTHER**  
IS ALWAYS  
INTERESTED IN  
NEW CYBORG  
TECHNOLOGY.

WE'LL  
TAKE HIM  
WITH  
US...

...AND HE  
CAN WITNESS  
MY MARRIAGE  
TO THE PRINCESS  
**MAXIMA!**

**TO BE CONTINUED...**